

STATE OF NEW YORK
LEGISLATURE OF ERIE COUNTY
BUFFALO, N.Y., FEBRUARY 3, 2022 A.D.

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT *at a regular session of the Legislature of Erie County held in the County Hall, in the City of Buffalo, on the 3rd day of February, 2022 A.D., a resolution was adopted, of which the following is a true copy:*

**Honoring Clarence Rotary Club Foundation,
2022 Clarence Chamber of Commerce Special Recognition Award Recipient**

WHEREAS, since its establishment in 1954, the Clarence Chamber of Commerce has been a dynamic organization dedicated to fostering the growth of business, and the Clarence Community; and

WHEREAS, on March 3, 2022, the Clarence Chamber of Commerce is hosting its 49th Annual Awards Dinner, a spectacular event where awards that are considered by many to be the highest honors bestowed in the Town of Clarence and businesses, individuals, organizations, and lifetime achievers are celebrated by the community for the great impact their service has had on improving the quality of life in the town; and

WHEREAS, inspired by the heroic service and tragic death of Clarence resident Captain Andrew D. Byers in Afghanistan in 2016, the **Clarence Rotary Club Foundation** recognized the need to create a permanent gathering place to honor Clarence residents, relatives, friends, and fellow Americans who bravely served their country; and

WHEREAS, thanks to the hard work, commitment, and passion of the Clarence Rotary Club Foundation, on Memorial Day, May 31, 2021, the Clarence Veteran's Memorial was dedicated and opened to the public at the Clarence Main Street Town Park; and

WHEREAS, the site consists of a beautiful memorial fountain engraved with the names of Clarence residents killed in action dating back to the War of 1812, and the fountain is surrounded by five granite walls bearing the names of more than 550 veterans who proudly served their country, making for a beautiful and fitting place to remember those who made the ultimate sacrifice and honor all who served.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature pauses in its deliberations to congratulate the **Clarence Rotary Club Foundation** on receiving the *Clarence Chamber of Commerce's 2022 Special Recognition Award*, and to extend our sincere thanks to the **Clarence Rotary Club Foundation** for the creation of this wonderful memorial that beautifies our community, pays tribute to the most deserving among us, and inspires all who visit the site.

CHRISTOPHER D. GREENE
Erie County Legislator, District 6